

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL BARNHART
CHAIRMAN



MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Jan Antonucci, Michael Barnhart, Laretta Jones, Bob MacGregor, Gail Simpson, and Rosey Van Wart.

Jeanette Gerfin was absent.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Antonucci and seconded by Mrs. Simpson to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting as submitted. All were in favor.

APPLICATIONS

There were no Applications this month.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Chair's Report

Angle Fly Preserve Updates:

Mr. Barnhart and Mr. MacGregor met with new Building Inspector Tom Tooma at the Reynolds House. He pointed out some items that needed addressing which Chuck Dammeyer can take care of. Mr. Barnhart will follow up with Efrem Citarella for an update regarding work that he has committed to getting contractors to do. The insulation contractor has been secured.

The Boy Scout Eagle Scout Projects are ongoing.

Mr. MacGregor noticed truck tracks going up to the Tatham House. The tracks must be from a Parks and Recreation vehicle as they are the only ones that have a key to the gate.

Deer hunting with a bow is permitted for the month of October and all is going well. Some deer have been taken.

Trail maintenance workdays will be held on November 3rd and 18th.

Angle Fly Preserve Conservation Easement Modification Update – As per the Town Attorney on September 21st, the Town is waiting for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to act on the Conservation Easement Modification.

OLD BUSINESS

Hudsonia Ltd. Update – Mr. Barnhart emailed Hudsonia Ltd.'s Gretchen Stevens requesting an update on the project of completing the biodiversity maps. He is waiting on a response.

Invasive Plant Local Law Referral Update – The Town Board passed a resolution about enacting a local law concerning invasive plants, in particular bamboo. It was referred to the Open Space Committee for review and comment and a response letter was sent.

Corp of Engineers Proposals for Storm Surge Barriers in NY Harbor Update – The Corp of Engineers is proposing to put barriers in the NY harbor in an effort to control storm surges. The deadline for comments is November 5th. Mr. Barnhart drafted a letter that was sent as well as suggestions for a resolution for the Town Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Former IBM Site – The Somers Planning Board has received an Application and Petition for Construction of a Private, For-Profit Institution of Secondary Learning on the Former IBM Site Including Text Amendments to Article V111. Office Business OB-100 District and Article XV. Special Exception Uses in Office Business OB-100 Districts of the Code of the Town of Somers, Subdivision and Site Plan Approval and Amendment to the Town of Somers Comprehensive Plan Update. Mrs. Schirmer will scan the Application and Petition and send it to all the members.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 15th at 4:30 p.m. in the Town House Map Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Schirmer, Secretary
Somers Open Space Committee

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Town Clerk
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